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METHOD FOR NETWORK SYSTEM  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the foreign documents are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No copy of the U.S. document is provided as the Patent Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98.

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Submitted herewith is:

- (1) Japanese "Office Action", dated June 10, 2008, for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 09-146082 (Appeal No. 2005-07058);

- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 07-177158 (XEROX CORP), published July 14, 1995; Together with an English-language abstract thereof; and
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 03-150614 (HITACHI LTD), published June 27, 1991.

Applicant also wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following document:

- (4) Harkins et al, U.S. Patent 5,513,126, issued April 30, 1996.

The above references (2) and (3) are cited in item (1), "Office Action", which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Document (4) is a counterpart to document (2). No copy of document (2) is provided because this document along with its U.S. counterpart No. 5,353,399 were previously cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Patent Office on September 17, 2003 (mailed on September 15, 2003).

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination application, no fee is incurred. However, if it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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